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By Messenger

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 646 Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE:

STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub. No. 1), Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases — Notice of Intent to Participate

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision served in this proceeding on July 28, 2006, Consumers United for Rail Equity (CURE), an advocacy group representing captive rail customers affected by this proposed rulemaking, hereby gives notice of its intent to participate in this proceeding as a party of record. Consumers United for Rail Equity respectfully requests that the following representative be included on the service list maintained by the Board in this proceeding.

Robert G. Szabo Executive Director Consumers United for Rail Equity 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007

Copies of all pleadings and other documents filed in this proceeding, and all decisions and orders, should also be served directly upon this representative.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Szabo

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